

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

PROVERBS CHAPTER 31:10-31

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:
A "WALK ON WATER"
KIND OF WOMAN
GOD'S WISDOM FOR THE AGES

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:
Wise Conduct, How To's of Life, Advice

Introduction to the Text; **Proverbs Chapter 31:10-31**

From Verse 10-31

We Have Here What is Known as An Acrostic
An Acrostic is a Form of Hebrew Poetry or Writing
that Uses The Letters of the Hebrew Alphabet at The Beginning of Each Verse

This Form is Seen Also in Various
Psalms and in the Book of Lamentations

For Example: Verse 10 begins with the Hebrew Letter "Aleph"
Verse 11 Begins with "Beth" and so on down to Verse 31 "Tau"

It Speaks of Completion or Totality = The Target

This Then is The Goal of Every Biblical Women

But Listen, It's Not Long into This Passage Until You
see that there is no physical way that a woman, a human could live up to
this "Target-Goal" in the day in the life of a Single Woman,
a Mother or a Wife,

It is a Life-Long, Portrait or Representation
That Describes Her Life Lived.

In The End, These Are, These Were, The Seasons of Her Life.

*Why is There Nearly an Entire Chapter Dedicated
to the Development of a Woman? - I am not sure.*

But The Rest of the Bible Seems to be Written
for the Development of a Man, for Men

A WALK ON WATER KIND OF WOMAN

1.) She knows the value of living

v.10-12

Verse 10

:10 **aleph** Who can find a **virtuous** wife?
For her worth *is* far above rubies.

virtuous thrifty, wise, knowing the cost of things. Keeping current with the cost of living.

Verse 11

:11 **beth** The heart of her husband safely **trusts** her;
So he will have **no lack** of gain.

trusts he is able to entrust to her great things. She has been faithful in everything along the way. A wise steward.

no lack no hindrance, not an obstacle, not a debit.

Verse 12

:12 **gimel** She does him **good** and not evil
All the days of her life.

good she does what she does with confidence and grace.
She is comfortable and assured.

Ephesians 5:28

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. :29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

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2.) *She envisions opportunities*

v.13-15

Verse 13

daleth She **seeks** wool and flax,
And **willingly** works with her hands.

seeks to search out, to make inquisition from place to place,
To shop till someone drops.

willingly to work with delight. To work with a goal, with a victory in sight, a purpose, an achievement in mind.

Verse 14

he She is like the merchant ships,
She brings her food **from afar**.

from afar she's not afraid to use the freeway to find a bargain.

Verse 15

:15 vau She also rises while it is yet night,
And **provides** food for her household,
And a portion for her maidservants.

"Her Maidservants"

That explains it, she's got help - in our day, it could be daughters!

provides = makes preparations and feeds the household.

**If Verses 10 to 14 are Happening
Then You'll Have Verse 15 Happening in Your Home Too**

<< YOU WILL HAVE A BLESSED HOME >>

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3.) *She's resourceful with what she has*

v.16-18

Verse 16

16 - zain She **considers** a field and buys it;
From her profits she **plants** a vineyard.

considers = to entertain a vision, to count the costs of an investment, entrepreneur, capitalist, industrialists.

plants = physically labors at it, to physically lay out her plan.

Verse 17

17 - **cheth** She **girds** herself with **strength**,
And **strengthens** her arms.

gird = to wrap up the waist, to make her waist strong or healthy.

strength = boldness, determination, power.

strengthens = to endure, to stick to it, to stay at it until you prevail.

Verse 18

:18 - **teth** She **perceives** that her merchandise *is good*,
And her lamp does not go out by night.

perceives = to taste it, to examine something by touching it and tasting it, she tests its quality.

good = better, the best, the highest quality possible, excellence.

And her lamp does not go out by night.
remember, this over her life-time.

Soon we will read that her children wake up and say,
(Mom, you're the best, we love you)

That Can Only Happen
by Being a Mommy First - *period!*

There is a Balance, And It's a God Given Balance

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4.) She's compassionate toward others v.19-21

Verse 19

yod She **stretches out** her hands to the distaff, (weavers rod)
And her hand holds the spindle.

stretches out = implying = maintenance, knowing how to do it herself. She knows the operation.

She's Attune with All Household Chores "domestication"

Verse 20

caph She **extends** her hand to the poor, Yes,
she **reaches out** her hands to the needy.

reaching out = to give of her income toward those hurting, compassion and generosity,

***There is a Healthy View of Where Her Ingenuity comes from,
it's The Lord !***

Verse 21

:21 lemed She is not afraid of snow for her household,
For all her household *is* clothed with **scarlet**.

not afraid = she has prepared for difficult days.

clothed in scarlet = a difficult translation, meaning to be warm and bright.
Could mean warm and safe, happy, colorful, easy to see in a snow storm.

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5.) *She's well regarded by others*

v.22-24

Verse 22

mem She makes tapestry for herself;
Her clothing *is* **fine** linen and purple.

makes it herself = she gathers and designs her cloths for her own use.
To be creative and industrious.

fine = tastefully beautiful, well dressed, an honored appearance.

Verse 23

:23 nun Her husband is **known in the gates**,
When he sits among the **elders** of the land.

known = they know that he's her husband - "what a blessed guy he is."

elders = the community leaders, the older men.

Verse 24

:24 samech She makes linen garments and sells *them*,
And supplies **sashes** for the merchants.

linen garments = fancy stuff.

sashes = tough stuff.

It can mean that she provides belts to craftsmen

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6.) She's gracious to be with

v.25-27

Verse 25

ayin **Strength** and **honor** *are* her clothing;
She shall **rejoice** in time to come.

strength = majesty or class, a noble air, a presence of character.

honor = splendor and excellence.

rejoice = to enjoy the rewards of labor. To be satisfied with hard work.

Verse 26

pe She opens her **mouth** with wisdom,
And on her tongue *is* the **law of kindness**.

her mouth = good things, good words, wise words.

law of kindness = she disperses merciful words and atmosphere.

Verse 27

tsaddi She **watches** over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.

watches = see peers ahead, looks beyond the wall or over the wall.

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7.) She's right in what she does

v.28-29

Verse 28

koph Her children rise up and call her **blessed**;
Her husband *also*, and he **praises** her:

blessed = right, correct, proper.

praises = to boast, to rave, to celebrate, to give glory, to shine, let shine.

Verse 29

"Her husband also, and he praises her:..."

resh "Many daughters have done well,
But you **excel** them all."

excel = to pass by, to go forth, to go beyond... to go where no woman has gone before.

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8.) *She's satisfied with her life*

v.30-31

Verse 30

schin Charm *is* **deceitful** and **beauty is passing**,
But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

charm = human favor, appearances.

deceitful = a lie, a false reality, a show.

beauty = fair looks, pleasant in looks

passing = things passing by or away. To transit, to come and go.

Verse 31

tau Give her of the **fruit of her** hands,
And let her own works **praise her in the gates**

fruit of her hands = to get what you have worked for, success in all points.

praise her in the gates = public recognition, fame, influence,
a good name.

If You're a Single Woman Tonight
If You're a Divorced Woman Tonight
If You're a Mother Tonight
If You're a Widow Tonight
If You're a Wife Tonight

Your Completion, Your Totality
is found here in Proverbs 31
It's The Target